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Harvey addresses 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers during his visit to South Korea Nov. 23 - 26. *Photo by Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess.*

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On an unrelated visit, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston talks to 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers at Camp Hovey during his second trip to the Republic of Korea Nov. 21-26. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess.





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Spc. Lawrence D. Henry, a trumpet player with the 8th U.S. Army Band, waits to play Taps, shortly before the 21-gun salute during the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Yongsan Veteran's Memorial site, Nov. 11. **Photo by Pfc. Michael Noggle.**

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Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld looks on while Raymond DuBois, director of administration and management, swears in Dr. Francis J. Harvey as the 19th secretary of the Army Nov. 19.

# Harvey sworn in as new Secretary of Army

## Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — Dr. Francis J. Harvey was sworn in at the Pentagon as the 19th Secretary of the Army Nov. 19.

"This is a great honor for me," Harvey said. "My top priority will be to serve our Soldiers, civilian employees and family members of the active component, Army Reserve and Army National Guard. I look forward to working with the secretary of Defense, the Army chief of staff, Gen. Pete Schoomaker; and the Army senior leadership as we fight the Global War on Terrorism while continuing to transform the force."

The Senate confirmed President Bush's nomination of Dr. Harvey Nov. 16.

"It's great to have Dr. Harvey on board as our Secretary," said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff. "Dr. Harvey has a wealth of experience leading large organizations with diverse work forces, managing major programs and leading technology development. His education and industry experience will serve us well as he leads our Army in this window of strategic

opportunity."

As secretary of the Army, Harvey has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to Army manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management. Secretary Harvey is responsible for the department's annual budget of \$98.5 billion. He leads a work force of over one million active duty, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers, 220,000 civilian employees, thousands of contractors, and has stewardship over 15 million acres of land.

Prior to his appointment, Harvey was a business executive with broad experience centered on the defense industry. He held various professional, management and executive positions within the Westinghouse Corporation from 1969 to 1997, including president of the Electronics Systems Group, president of the Government and Environmental Services Company, and chief operating officer of the \$6 billion Industries and Technology Group.

Most recently, Harvey was a director and vice chairman of

Duratek, a company specializing in treating radioactive, hazardous, and other wastes. In his career, he has been involved in one or more phases of more than 20 major Department of Defense programs.

Harvey earned his doctorate in Metallurgy and Material Sciences from the University of Pennsylvania and his Bachelor of Science at the University of Notre Dame in Metallurgy Engineering and Material Science. He was a White House Fellow at the Department of Defense in the late 1970s.

Harvey succeeds Les Brownlee, who served as the acting Secretary of the Army for the past 18 months.

"I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Secretary Les Brownlee for his leadership and stewardship of the Army over the past 18 months," Schoomaker said. "I speak for the entire Army family when I say his tireless efforts - to build a campaign-quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabilities, to equip our Soldiers with the best equipment and to improve their quality of life - will have an impact on the Army and ensure we remain relevant and ready for decades to come."



# Wrapping up another great year on the peninsula

**By Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell**  
Commander, 8th U.S. Army

The year of 2004 is coming to an end and it's time to pause to reflect on our experiences, our accomplishments and renew our energy to begin again in 2005. This has been a great year for Soldiers in Korea and I look forward to another outstanding year as we continue to enhance our capabilities, shape new organizational structures and align our forces on the peninsula to make our operations more effective and efficient.

We experienced history this past year as we deployed Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd



**2BCT equipment prior to transport to Iraq at a port in Busan last summer.**

Infantry Division to Iraq. As their tour in that war-torn region progresses, their formal assignment to Fort Carson, Colorado has been confirmed and family members are beginning to move to the Mountain Post to greet their loved ones when their year in Iraq is complete. Other units were also called upon to deploy to Iraq, and both the 8th MP Brigade and 19th TSC trained and deployed their Soldiers to support OIF.

In the same year, we deployed the

35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade into Korea to protect key facilities and assets operated by the military forces of this great alliance. Additionally, the United States has begun the investment of \$11 billion in enhancements through 150 programs to ensure the appropriate capabilities are ready to sustain peace and stability on the peninsula.

The command interest and involvement in the Good Neighbor Program continues to enhance the ties between the Republic of Korea and the U.S. through cultural, social and military events. Longstanding relationships have been renewed and new ones have formed. It is imperative that we continue to reach out to our Korean allies so we can both learn about each other's culture and build the confidence that is innate to a thriving partnership.

Now is when many Soldiers and families return to the United States to visit friends and loved ones. Many are moving on to their follow-on assignment. I wish you all a safe trip. I also wish a safe and warm holiday greeting to those who will celebrate the season in the Republic of Korea. I encourage those of you staying in Korea to enjoy what our gracious hosts have to offer. Take part, if you can, in their holiday festivities. Local MWRs and the USOs are again preparing a schedule of programs and events occurring during the Christmas/New Year holiday period. Serving the Army in the Republic of Korea is called an "assignment of choice" and experiencing the opportunities that surround you reinforces the value of serving our nation abroad. Korea is a great place to serve!

2005 will bring opportunities to continue the deliberate consolidation of our installations into, ultimately, a military community based in two main hubs. The Army's movement from a division-based structure to a brigade-based structure will demand our attention as we begin to devise how the military structures defend-

ing democracy in Korea will transform. As our entire Army continues to experience conflict as an operational constant, the operational constant in Korea, in addition to vigilance, is change. We will address these and other challenges throughout the year while performing at a level of effectiveness and professionalism expected from the 8th U.S. Army.

We are reminded that we are an Army serving a Nation at war. The future so many hope for is made possible by the service and sacrifice by Soldiers like you and your families. Our thoughts and prayers reach out to you and around the world to all Soldiers during this special time of year.

Today's Army needs each and every one of you. Your contributions are immeasurable to our mission and our nation. In all that you do, remember to make it home safe and once again, thank you all for a job well done and keep up the good work.



**Campbell**



**A color guard performs drill and ceremony at the United Nations Command Joint Security Area.**



# Make safety first priority during holiday season

**By Command Sgt. Maj. Troy J. Welch**  
*Command sergeant major, 8th U.S. Army*

**T**hanksgiving has just passed. Hopefully everyone enjoyed it and had much to give thanks for, but the holiday season has only just begun.

First off, let me wish everyone the happiest of holidays, but, at the same time I must stress the importance of safety during these next couple of months. The holiday season is supposed to be a time of joy not a time of sorrow, so we want everyone to celebrate them in a reasonable manner.

There are weather changes we need to be aware of, cold weather injuries both while working and when taking time off. It gets very cold in Korea and the roads can become icy and slick.

Please take your time. Those extra couple of minutes you might save by rushing to get someplace isn't worth your life.

The holidays are a time of celebrating whether you are staying in Korea or if you choose to head home to the States. Do not, I repeat **DO NOT**, drink and drive. Enjoy your time home and return here safely. Do not risk your life or someone else's because you think you are capable of getting behind the wheel of a vehicle when you're not.

Driving drunk is not the only cause of vehicle accidents; driving drowsy also increases your chance of accidents. Remember when you travel home there is a significant time difference.

Flying home and immediately getting on the road to get to your final travel destination is dangerous and risks lives.

I am sure your family and friends are willing to wait a little bit longer for you to arrive safely.

Be careful and be safe in all you do. Unit readiness, the mission in Korea, and especially your Soldiers depend on you.

Make it a

point to look after your fellow Soldiers, whether they are in your unit or not. This is a very sensitive time for some being away from their families. This is especially true for new Soldiers who are away from home for the first time. If you know of a Soldier who will remain on the peninsula and you yourself are here, invite them over. Let them know of the many different



**Welch**



**Soldiers experience cultural differences at the Republic of Korea, such as pounding rice to make rice cakes.**



**United States Forces Korea and the Korea America Friendship Association has ran a Home Visitation Program for servicemembers to interact with the people of South Korea. Servicemembers will visit with families and enjoy a home cooked dinner.**



**KATUSA and U.S. Soldiers compete in a tug-of-war during KATUSA-U.S. Friendship Week. During this week, Soldiers participated in various games and sports.**

activities that are offered for Soldiers here during the holidays. Most of all look for the signs that a Soldier might have a problem during the holidays. Suicide is one of the biggest challenges we face during the holidays. If you feel one of your Soldiers, or any Soldier may be considering this, talk to them. Tell them that there are people here that will help them get through this rough spot in their lives. Let them know that even though they may not be with their immediate families, they have a family here they can turn to and that is the Army family.





# Getting the ‘Soldier

## New Army Secretary Visits Penin

By 8th U.S. Army  
Public Affairs Office

One week after being sworn in, the Honorable Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army, traveled to South Korea Nov. 23 through 26 to visit 8th U.S. Army Soldiers including a special trip to the 2nd Infantry Division and the demilitarized zone.

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Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey greets Gen. Leon LaPorte, commander, U.S. Forces Korea and Combined Forces Command, before attending a Nov. 24th ceremony honoring all the 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers who have died while participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Photo by Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess.



(Continued from page 9)

In a whirlwind two-day tour of the Korean peninsula, the Army's newest service secretary confirmed a few things first-hand that he previously suspected.

His first day of the tour included an operations update and mission orientation by Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, Commanding General, 8th U.S. Army. Then he traveled to the demilitarized zone to see first-hand where U.S. Soldiers and their allies have been defending democracy for 54 years. Harvey stressed the importance of the mission in Korea and gave credit to the Soldiers and their families.

"Soldiers are truly the center of everything the Army does," said Harvey. "The importance of what you are doing here in Korea is evident, especially after my tour at the DMZ." The Secretary appreciated the tangible results of the long-standing U.S. – ROK alliance and the value of Soldiers serving on freedom's frontier.

Over the past 54 years, the Republic of Korea has transformed into a thriving democracy with a vibrant economy. Income in the Republic of Korea has increased from \$50 per capita to over \$10,000 per capita and is one of the world's largest traders. Further, the working relationship between the U.S. and ROK armies has strengthened along with the entire alliance.

"In many respects, my visit [to Korea] is good background for my eventual trip to Iraq because the accomplishments by the Republic of Korea over the past 54 years are a model of what we want Iraq to become," Harvey said. The alliance of nations that won the Korean War is still comprised of 15 member nations and has enabled the entire region to enjoy a high degree of stability and economic prosperity.

"We've seen the capabilities of the ROK Army increase in the past 54 years, which is a credit to the training and leadership of the ROK Army," said Lt. Col Tom Budzyna, an 8th U.S. Army spokesperson. "The 8th U.S. Army has sustained a



**The Honorable Francis J. Harvey talks with Command Sgt. Maj. James Lucero, sergeant major, and Command Sgt. Maj. James Murray, 509th Personnel Support**

fight-tonight focus with Soldiers of the ROK Army and today one of the more visible missions, that of securing the Joint Security Area and the demilitarized zone, is theirs," Budzyna said.

The transfer of the JSA mission is just one of some 10 missions that will be transferred to the ROK armed forces in the near future.

"In fact, the strength and readiness of the ROK Army made it possible for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team to deploy to Iraq," Budzyna added, referring to the August deployment of the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade and the first time a forward-deployed combat unit in Korea was re-deployed to a combat zone.

The secretary's visit occurred during a dynamic time in the Republic of Korea. The U.S. and ROK governments agreed to a 12,500 reduction in troop strength by 2008



**Harvey and Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, 8th U.S. Army, talk about the history of Propaganda**

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Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess

, 2nd Infantry division command  
port Battalion command sergeant major.



Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess

listen as one of the tour guides from the  
la Village in North Korea.

# Preston makes Thanksgiving visit to troops on peninsula

**By Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess**  
*Army News Service*

**YONGSAN** — For the second time in his first 10 months on the job, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston visited Soldiers stationed in South Korea to thank them for their service and to update them on current Army issues.

“From the strategic level it’s important right now that you know what’s happening in the Army,” he told troops during his Nov. 21 thru 26 trip to the peninsula. “It’s my responsibility to look out for Soldiers and ensure that you are informed.”

At each motor pool, dining facility and post theater that he visited, the top enlisted Soldier’s message never changed and his enthusiasm and drive never wavered. He continued to talk about the issues that impact Soldiers the most – Army Transformation, deployments, promotions, families, education and the new Army Combat Uniform.

Keeping Soldiers informed is an important issue for Preston. He remembers a time after Desert Shield/Desert Storm when there was a lot of angst and anxiety felt throughout the Army because Soldiers weren’t informed about what was down the road, he said.

“I want Soldiers to understand what the senior leaders of the Army are doing for them and to understand the benefits of Army Transformation,” he said.

He reminded the troops serving in Korea that the Army’s number one mission right now is the Global War on Terrorism. For the first time in its history, the Army is fighting a war with an all-volunteer force and this is subsequently putting pressure on those throughout its ranks.

With the growing number of yearlong unit deployments, he said he wants Soldiers to know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel and the Army is making changes that will positively benefit them and their families.

Preston said with the increase in the number of brigades and the introduction of “life cycles” for units, troops should see a reduction in the length and frequency of deployments and can anticipate lengthier periods between permanent change-of-station moves, which will create more stability for families.

The sergeant major also pointed out educational benefits for Army dependents – high school students will be more competitive with those in the civilian world for things such as academic and athletic scholarships if they spend a significant period of time at one school.

Preston reminded the Soldiers that the senior Army leadership appreciated their service to their country and that they weren’t forgotten during the holiday season.

“We are proud of what all of you are doing here,” he said. “Anyone who has ever visited the demilitarized zone knows that there is a real threat just north of the border. We are here for a reason and our friendship with the Republic of Korea is an important one.

“You are part of the next greatest generation of heroes. Whether you are here on ‘freedom’s frontier,’ serving on drill sergeant duty or patrolling some mountain trail in Afghanistan, your contributions are important and appreciated.”





Members from the AUSA Korean Chapter dedicate a wreath in remembrance of the Soldiers who gave their lives during the Korean War at the Korean War Memorial in Washington D.C.

## 8th U.S. Army makes impact at AUSA conference



Members of the 8th U.S. Army 10-miler team visit with wounded 2BCT Soldier Pfc. Noah T. Nahinu at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Md.

**Story and photos by  
Pfc. Michael Noggle**  
*Staff writer*

**S**oldiers from 8th U.S. Army's 10-miler team and other members from the South Korean chapter traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in the 20th annual Association of the United States (AUSA) Army 10-mile race and convention Oct. 24-27.

Members from the team not only competed in the race and attended the convention, but also visited former Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Md.

A few days prior to the race, Sgt. Maj. Christy Martinez, 18th MEDCOM, arranged a visit for the team to visit some of the Soldiers from 2BCT who were injured in Iraq. For many of the runners it was a humbling experience and a way to show those in the hospital their



support and gratitude for their service.

"Some of the Soldiers were speechless," said Martinez. "I was stationed at Walter Reed before, and I wanted to let the team see how things worked there and for them to visit with the wounded Soldiers."

Pfc. Noah T. Nahinu, 1st Battalion 506th Infantry Regiment and Pfc. Joseph Ramsey, 1st Battalion 506th Infantry Regiment were stationed at Camp Casey before they were deployed to Iraq and were happy to see some of their fellow Soldiers travel so far and visit them before the race.

"The least we could do was say thanks," said 2nd Lt. James Corliss, 18th MEDCOM. "We wanted to let them know they will always be a part of the Korean family. We salute them."

As the team departed the hospital,

both of the Soldiers wished the team well in representing 8th U.S. Army

On the day of the race, over 20,000 participants showed up to run. Gen. Leon J. Laporte, commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea, gave the team a pep talk and told them to do well.

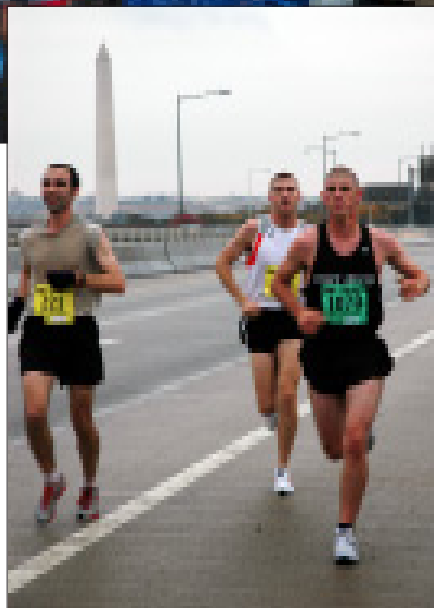
The male and female teams finished second place overall with times of 3:41:45 for the males and 4:23:25 for the females. Although



**2nd Lt. James Corliss and 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Thomas observe some of the many new pieces of equipment at the 2004 AUSA convention.**



(Above) Over 20,000 runners participated in the 2004 AUSA 10-miler race. Soldiers stationed around the world have competed in the event for the past 20 years in Washington D.C. This year's event was won by Capt. Dan Browne, Oregon National Guard and Olympic runner. (Right) 2nd Lt. James Corliss tries to pass a runner from Ft. Hood, Tx. on the ninth mile over the Jefferson Bridge. Corliss was a member of the 8th U.S. Army male team that finished 2nd overall.



Ft. Carson, Co. took top honors, the 8th U.S. Army team felt they accomplished what they set out to do.

"Overall we exceeded expectations," said Corliss. "All we wanted to do was go out and do our best as a team."

Corliss gave praise to his coach, Patrick Noble, 55th Material Management Center, who worked with the team as much as possible and emphasized staying together in the race in order to accomplish what they set out to do.

Martinez explained that the team had a lot of unity, despite difficulties finding times to practice together. Unlike most of the other teams being on one installation, the 8th U.S. Army team had Soldiers stationed throughout the peninsula.

The race was followed by a team breakfast the next morning with Soldiers and personnel from the Korean chapter to show their gratitude towards the team and its accomplishments.

Female team members included: Maj. Sylvia Bennett, 19th TSC, Capt. Virginia Hayden, 2-2 AVN. Regiment, Spc. Noreen Roberson, HHC, 307th Sig. Bn., 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Thomas, 122nd Sig. Bn., Capt. Janet Thompson, 25th Trans. and Capt. Laura Wells, LSAK.

Male team members included: Col. Steve Anderson, USFK J4, Sgt.

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# Making History: HDNET Style

## Film company documents historic event at the Joint Security Area

**By Spc. Daniel Love**  
*Assistant Editor*

Few Americans were able to witness the recent transition from U.S. to South Korean responsibility at the Joint Security Area, but thanks to extensive high definition coverage from the High Definition Network, they will soon be able to view this event and others in a quality that rivals more traditional filming capabilities.

The network sent Michael L. Slee, CEO of his own film company, Zaragoza Pictures, to film the transition as well as the current state of Soldiers serving in Korea. Slee is a veteran documentary TV producer who has covered a variety of subjects from poker tournaments to law enforcement ride-along TV shows. While Slee has a diverse background, he said that working at the JSA was unlike any other work he had done.

"The JSA is reality TV at its finest, but it's also the most challeng-



*Staff Sgt. Lisa Jendry*

**Mike Slee, CEO and owner of Zaragoza Pictures, shoots high definition film footage at the Joint Security Area.**

ing," said Slee. "Reality TV is like catching lightning in a bottle. When I'm working with models I can spend all the time and light I want to get the proper exposure and shot, but

when I go to the JSA, I'm under the constraints in real time. There's nothing I can do to stop the action. I can't just say, 'hey, I didn't like that, can we do it again?'"

Slee visited the JSA several times during his Oct. 26 thru Nov. 6 visit to Korea, as well as other units. While every place he filmed gave him a look at what Soldiers do in Korea, he said his most eventful shoots were at the JSA.

"When I was being escorted by Col. Snyder, the commander there, the North Koreans appeared almost on cue in the windows behind him" said Slee. "I had to react to the opportunity, frame it up, get the right exposure, and continue to tour. That is reality TV at it's finest, but there are pressures there that you won't experience anywhere else."

Slee said that using high definition equipment makes programming that will be a hot item in the future. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all TV



*Staff Sgt. Lisa Jendry*

**Slee and Soldiers from the ROK Army prepare to set up their next shot.**

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# It's not just a drink

## Human trafficking is more than you think

### *Part two of a three part series on human trafficking in Korea*

**Story and graphic by**

**Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo**

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The “coordinator” failed to mention the eight other women Sarah would be sharing the bed with when he promised her room and board.

Perhaps that was the reason the club owner immediately told Sarah to surrender her passport once she arrived; the club owner said it was part of the contract.

Enticed by hopes of meeting financially secure mates or lucrative job offers, Sarah and too many women like her find themselves transported miles from their homes and thrust into degrading positions like “drinky”, “juicy” bar hostesses, or exploited as prostitutes.

Sarah and others like her are victims of human trafficking. Although Sarah isn't her real name, her story is.

Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, commander of the 8th U.S. Army, clearly declared prostitution as illegal on an American Forces Network commercial, but many servicemembers still do not know that there are components of the prostitution and human trafficking zero tolerance policy that are equally illegal and servicemembers who still participate in them will be held accountable.

“Drinky” and “juicy” bars are terms used to describe Bar Fining. Bar Fining is when some bar owners force young women like Sarah to repay a “contractual” obligation in order to get their passport back and thus go home.

To repay her contract, Sarah is forced to accommodate visitors to her bar in exchange for a fee, often in the form of an overpriced drink. Accommodation could be in the form of literally being rented out to accompany bar visitors for a dart or pool game, casual conversation or

even something sexual in nature.

Bar Fining is illegal under the military wide zero tolerance policy on prostitution and human trafficking (PHT).

Earlier this year, a male Soldier said he briefly spoke to a young Russian woman working in Korea who was trapped thousands of miles from home in a contractual situation.

“I didn't know the females enter a contract to come over from Russia or the Philippines,” he said. “If they are forced into leaving their country or to work at the juicy bars, then we don't need to support (human trafficking).”

Several servicemembers discussing the issue generally agreed that the full scope of prostitution and human trafficking is appalling and are proud that the 8th U.S. Army and the zero tolerance policy are confronting it.

“(This policy) is positive for many individuals who may be working in ‘juicy bars,’” said Pvt. Daniel Schwalm, 25th Transportation Battalion, motor transportation coordinator. “If it is illegal, then maybe the demand will decrease enough that it will not happen anymore.”

Servicemembers peninsula-wide believe enforcing this policy will greatly enhance ROK and U.S. relations and project a more professional image of the U.S. here.

“I agree with this policy ... basic human dignity needs to be upheld,” said Air Force Master Sgt. Andy Davis, Special Operations Korea, logistics. “It will enhance how we are seen in the community.”

Agencies have been set up peninsula-wide meant to assist women like Sarah in getting the proper representation but the 8th U.S. Army needs every servicemember to report such instances to their area provost marshals' office.







Cpl. Kim, Taek-hyun



# Gyeongju



Cpl. Kim, Taek-hyun



# Korea's living m



Cpl. Kim, Taek-hyun

(Top) Balloons decorate Bulguksa temple after a concert.

(Left) Handmade bells on display in one of many Gyeongju markets.

(Middle) Underwater tomb of King Munmu, King of the Shilla and 30th ruler who united the three kingdoms.

(Below) Most tourist attractions are well illuminated so that tourists can see them at night.



**By Spc. Daniel Love**  
*Assistant Editor*

**I**t doesn't matter what country you are in, most museums have walls. However, South Korea has a museum without any walls or vigilant security guards. It's called Gyeongju, a city of 30,000 residents that lives and breathes old Korea.

About 2000 years ago, Gyeongju was the newly unified Korea's first capitol. However, the city is not similar to Seoul, the current capitol. Instead of towering skyscrapers and apartment complexes, Gyeongju city officials regulate building size and design.

Gyeongju is ready for tourists; it attracts anywhere from eight to nine million a year. The city has plenty of hotels and motels scattered about to meet the demands year-round. Residents don't have the stressful busy attitude of those living in Seoul, and generally welcome sightseers.

During winter months, Gyeongju is rarely crowded. Bicycle rental stations all around the city will rent bikes by the hour, and because the city is not physically large, the major tourist sites can be reached in a day or two of pedaling around. There are also signs everywhere that point tourists in the direction of what they want to see.

One of the biggest attractions the city offers is Bulguksa temple. This

more modern. The Bomun lake resort is located 6 kilometers south of Gyeongju's downtown, and is designated as a special tourist district. The lake is surrounded by picturesque scenery, and is where one can find such modern amenities as expensive hotels, golf courses, a shopping mall, and a special theme park.

Gyeongju is fairly simple to find. A KTX from Seoul station takes less than three hours to arrive at Gyeongju station. From there, a taxi or bike can take tourists to all the town has to offer.



*Cpl. Kim, Taek-hyun*



*Spc. Daniel Love*

# museum

Buddhist shrine is an amazing piece of architecture, considering it was built in the year 528. It has been destroyed and rebuilt many times since then, but it is said to still retain most of its original shape.

Another attraction in the area is Daereungwon, the royal burial grounds. These large mounds of grass are surrounded by pathways and trees, making it an ideal place to walk on a nice day.

While going back to traditional Korea has its appeal, those in the area for more than a day or two might want to indulge in something

**(Top) Traditional Korean pottery and other objects can be found on display at a market in downtown Gyeongju. (Below) The pathways around the royal tombs in Gyeongju gather water after a rainy day.**



# 2BCT Soldiers risk lives to save children

## Soldiers diffuse explosives at youth center

by Sgt. 1st Class Brian Sutton  
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**CAMP RAMADI, Iraq** — A 2nd Infantry Division unit discovered and diffused an explosive-laden youth center in Ramadi that was rigged by insurgents to detonate and set to kill dozens of Iraqi children.

“This is what the terrorists and insurgents are doing to their own people,” said Col. Gary S. Patton, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division commander.

1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment discovered the explosives in the youth center during Operation Tiger, a brigade-level operation to sweep parts of the city for improvised explosive device cells, weapons caches, and enemy fighters.

The unit reported the youth center was booby trapped and triple-wired, meaning there were three ways in which the explosives could detonate, so even if one of the rigs was discovered, backup triggers could still detonate the explosives.

Capt. Charles Romero, a 2nd BCT battle captain, said the center had explosives rigged to detonate when the lights were turned on, by remote control, or by wiring

that ran from the center to a nearby mosque, where the unit discovered the firing mechanism.

“Today we saved dozens of children’s lives,” said Patton. “We did this by several brave Soldiers entering the youth center at great personal risk to themselves to diffuse the explosives.”

“Our Soldiers are really pumped about this mission,” said Lt. Col. Justin Gubler, commander of the battalion that diffused the youth center. “Today they know they really made a difference.”

Elsewhere in Operation Tiger, the brigade discovered a large quantity of munitions and weapons at another local mosque.

“This mosque was serving as a military arsenal,” said Patton. “Weapons and ammunition were buried beneath every inch of the compound of this mosque.”

A search of the mosque’s compound yielded more than two tons of ammunition, explosives, complete mortar systems and RPGs. Artillery rounds, assault rifles and various IED-making materials were found, as well.

The cache is the largest found at one time on a brigade-level mission since 2nd BCT arrived in theater in August. Several battalions have discovered other caches on their own missions, but none of this scale.

Mosques normally have protected status under the Laws of War. However, whenever they are used for military purposes by the insurgency, they lose protection. Insurgents and local religious leaders have been repeatedly warned not to use mosques to store military weaponry or use them to shield fighters.

Fifty suspected insurgents were also detained during the sweep under suspicion of anti-Iraqi force activity.

The brigade is responsible for quelling the insurgency in Ramadi and outlying areas within Al-Anbar Province and providing safety and security in the area so the provincial government can establish local control.



2BCT archive photo

Some of the explosives and weapons discovered by members of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, are laid out on the grounds of the mosque in which they were discovered Nov. 4 during Operation Tiger 1.



# Top USAR NCO brings message of change

**By Mary B. Grimes**  
**Chief, Command Information**  
*American Forces Network-Korea*

“**T**he wind of change is blowing through the continent. Whether we like it or not, this growth of national consciousness is a political fact.” These words may have found their origin in former British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan more than 30 years ago, but it is with today’s U.S. Army that they most surely bring truth to bare.

In a rare visit to the Land of the Morning Calm, both U.S. Army Reserve, Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones, and Sgt. Maj. of the Army, Kenneth Preston, made a sweeping tour of the South Korean peninsula, bringing the message of change, thanks and commitment to the men and women of United States Forces Korea.

Visibly proud of those serving, Jones said that the men and women wearing today’s uniform reflect the essence of commitment. She said, “Today’s Army is changing. However, what won’t change will be the fundamental precepts of the active Army, and reserve components.

“The Soldier, warrior, and NCO Creed define who we are, and what we believe in. They are not mere words, but what they truly are, is what separates us from the rest of the armies in the world.”

Jones said that as the military continues to transform, every Soldier will see that no structure, no uniform or piece of equipment, will take away the commitment that lays out what our institution is all about...and that is being a Soldier first. “This is the basis of our mission, and core to becoming a leader,” she said.

The ninth command sergeant major of the USAR, Jones went on to present a balanced view of change, outlining what she calls the “Bones Theory,”—her way of categorizing what change is, what change is not, and how a Soldier

handles change.

Referring to step one of the bones theory as “the backbone,” Jones said that this is where one speaks up, and voices the unpopular.

“I like to think of the second bone as ‘the wishbone.’ It is when things seem to get better. Here you find stability and predictability. Here is where you have faith and hope,” expressed Jones.

Calling the third aspect of her theory “the funny bone,” Jones said that this is where things are not going well...and even so, you laugh at it and drive on.

“Change can be good. It could reflect a pay increase or a promotion. Having said that, however, there are some things that simply are not going to change—and that’s Soldier values, and the beliefs of a good leader,” said Jones.

Turning to the topic of the USAR in Iraq, Jones was quick to applaud the men and women who’ve responded to their country’s call to service. “More than 30,000 Army Reserve Soldiers have been mobilized, and they’re executing the mission extremely well. We shouldn’t and we don’t expect anything less from these dedicated men and women.”

Jones’s pride in the troops was only accentuated by her commitment to ensure every Soldier returns home to find that their service is appreciated.

“With many of the reservists entering the theater with boots on the ground upwards of 365 days, it is only right that we, the leadership, do whatever we need to ensure that they are returning home to healthy environments, families, employment, and whatever physical or mental care they may require.”

Jones said that that continued care is something that she is committed to working toward making a reality for troops returning home. She said that reservists will find VA hospitals, Walter Reed, and San Antonio to be leading the way in



**Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones,**  
**U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. Maj.**

providing them the type of quality care they might need—for as long as it is needed.

“As the leadership works at forming partnerships with civilian hospitals, and special clinics, it does so with the well-being of our Soldiers first and foremost in mind. Soldiers also have Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve available to assist them in issues regarding employment.

“The welfare of our soldiers is of paramount importance and concern to the military leadership. But that concern does not just stop there. There are literally hundreds of major companies reaching out to our troops and their families.

One such company, according to Jones is “Home Depot.” She said that HD employees that serve in theater will, upon returning home, not only get their job back, but HD will employ their spouse.” Wal-Mart is another major employer of Guard and Reserve personnel, to offer similar support and incentives.

In closing, she added, “Clearly our military has the backing of the American people. That is something that has not changed, and it is evident wherever I go. I want our troops to know that they have the full support of their leadership, and we are grateful for their sacrifices and their commitment to service.”



with 1,000 coming from the Air Force and 11,500 from the Army. The deployment of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team comprises the lion's share of the first 5,000 USFK members to depart the peninsula.

With the reductions, a new focus is changing the way the 8th U.S. Army lives and works. "The numbers of Soldiers and equipment is no longer the sole measure of military deterrence, Budzyna said. "Our emphasis today is on capabilities.

"Being driven by capabilities instead of numbers enables us to do several things," Budzyna said, referring to several significant changes. The footprint in Korea is consolidating from many camps into two centralized hubs, he explained, which will allow the number of Soldiers to be reduced, the number of command-sponsored positions to increase and present an opportunity to improve existing facilities or build new facilities.

"The 8th U.S. Army is striving to make an assignment to Korea and assignment of choice and the improvements and changes will do just that," said Budzyna. "We'll do all this while sustaining our obligation to deter aggression and while sustaining our strong, professional

ties with our Korean allies," Budzyna said.

Since the end of the Korean War a program called "KATUSA" for Korea Augmentation to the United States Army, initiated by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, has placed Korean Soldiers into the ranks of 8th U.S. Army units. The day-to-day interaction between U.S. and Korean Soldiers compliments the formal ties of two armies serving under armistice conditions and fosters understanding between the two diverse cultures.

Harvey also took the opportunity to attend a previously-scheduled memorial service held Nov. 24 to honor the Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team who died since their deployment from the Korean peninsula. Harvey described the memorial ceremony as a solemn occasion but essential. "We must never forget what Soldiers and families sacrifice so others can have a brighter future."

"Today's ceremony is a somber reminder of the challenges we face as an Army serving a nation at war," Campbell said, "Around the world Soldiers, by their sheer presence, demonstrate our nation's commitment to our allies and our intent to

win the war on terrorism. The Soldiers we honored today gave their full measure of devotion for our future," Campbell said.

In addition to an aerial tour of the 2nd Infantry Division, Harvey had an opportunity to dine with Soldiers throughout the peninsula on Thanksgiving Day.

"I can't think of anywhere else I would want to be on a holiday than with Soldiers," Harvey said, and while enjoying his Thanksgiving meal he took time to discuss what's in store for the Army's future.

"My first priority, and will be for my entire tenure, is providing for the well being of Soldiers and their families," Harvey explained to Soldiers at Camp Castle. "While in Washington, I will be thinking of you and your mission [in Korea]. I will do my best to ensure you have the resources to do that successfully."

"I also look forward to establishing a partnership with both the Army Chief of Staff and the Secretary of Defense," Harvey said. "Gen. Schoomaker has done an outstanding job at providing forces to fight the Global War on Terrorism while at the same time leading the Army through its largest transformation in over 50 years."



**The Honorable Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army, his wife and Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, Commanding General of 8th U.S. Army, observe the North Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone while being briefed by JSA MP personnel. The visit to the JSA was part of his two-day tour across the peninsula.**

*Cpl. Kim, Taek-hyun*



stations use High Definition TV signals by the end of 2006, and that stations will require a lot of programming in high definition.

"The world as we know it is going toward high-definition," said Slee. "Once the FCC turns over to high definition, all the film libraries will be worthless. That's why we're creating a pool of high definition programming that puts us out at the forefront."

High-definition televisions feature 2.5 times the picture quality of

regular television, with a wide panorama view. On some high-definition TV models, the picture appears to be three-dimensional.

"Cinematographers are like any other professional; we like the best tools of our trade," said Slee. "We want to shoot with the latest and the greatest."

Slee said that he was drawn to Korea after hearing from his father about being a fighter pilot here during the Korean War. He said he noticed that Americans don't know

much about the Korean war, and he wanted to do something that can change that. This visit marked the fourth time he has been here.

"People will find this interesting because they know nothing about it," said Slee. "I think it is important that people can see this to clear up their misconceptions of both countries. The media doesn't always tell the whole picture. They're limited to a few minutes for a news spot, while I have an hour or more to try to give people the whole story."



Cpl. Kim, Taek-hyun

**Mike Slee prepares to interview Lt. Col. Paul E. Snyder, Commander, United Nations Command Security Battalion, Joint Security Area, using high definition filming capabilities. The interview, along with other coverage of Soldiers serving in Korea, will be used for a production on the transfer of mission in the JSA and the realignment of personnel assigned to the DMZ.**

## AUSA

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1st Class Paul Lancaster, 293rd Sig. Bn., Maj. Stephen Lockridge, 175th Finance Command, Spc. Clinton Mercer, HHC, 1-52nd AVN. Bn., Maj. Marty Muchow, DLA-P and Capt. Samuel Volkman, FED.

Among the members from the chapter were: Gen. (R) Paik, Sun Yup and Dr. "Rocky" Park. Park awarded a plaque to Volkman and Thompson as the top male and female runners for the 8th U.S. Army team.

In the evening, members from the chapter made their way to the Korea War Memorial site and presented a

wreath in honor of those who fought for South Korea's independence 51 years ago.

"That memorial is very moving to me," said Park. "The American sons and daughters who gave their lives are special to those of the Korean nation."

The week concluded at the 2004 AUSA convention, where Soldiers from the team talked to people about the mission in Korea and how they remain "ready to fight tonight".

"This is probably the largest convention I have ever been to," said Martinez. "Soldiers get a

chance to come out and talk with others from around the world and also get to see the new equipment the Army is providing."

Members of the team were very active during the convention and in the events surrounding it. Many of them talked about how this event will make a lasting impression on the rest of their careers in the Army.

"All we wanted to do, was make a good impression for not only our team, but also for all the Soldiers on the Korean peninsula," said Corliss. "I feel we sent a strong message to other Soldiers at the convention."



# 8th U.S. Army Holiday Schedule

Effective Dec. 20 through Dec. 29 the following are holidays and training holidays for 8th U.S. Army Soldiers:

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 31 New Years Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas

Jan. 1 New Years Day

Dec. 27 Training Holiday

Jan. 2 New Years/Training Holiday

Jan. 3 Training Holiday

## Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Entertainment shows for December 2004

-Comedy ROKS with MWR featuring:  
AC, Rano and Steve Royall

-Country and Western musical  
artists The Bellamy Brothers

-The 55th Holiday Tour:  
Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders

-A Soulful Night of Authentic  
Rocking Blues by Tommy Z with  
Ian Sherman, Rodney Appleby  
and Paul Campanella Jr.

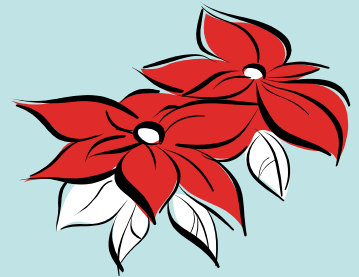
-Musical performances by ZAPP:  
A tribute to Roger Troutman



For entertainment information regarding times and locations of these events in your area, contact your area MWR POCs for information or log onto the internet at [HTTP://MWR.KOREA .ARMY.MIL](http://MWR.KOREA.ARMY.MIL)

Area I - 732-6766  
Area II - 723-5721  
Area III - 753-8830  
Area IV - 768-7418  
KORO - 723-3749





**Dec. 2**  
**\*KOREAN FOLK VILLAGE**  
 M \$ 25 C \$ 28  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Dec. 3**  
**BOMUN TEMPLE**  
 Ginseng and Bamboo Market  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Dec. 4**  
**PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL**  
 (Dress Code)  
 M \$ 20 C \$ 40.  
**SKI TOUR**  
 Price includes round trip bus & ski rental  
 M \$62 C \$67.50 Child \$49.50 (12 yr or under)  
 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Dec. 5**  
**INCHON TOUR**  
 Memorial Hall of Incheon Landing Operation  
 & Wolmido Cruise  
 M \$20 C \$23  
 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

**Dec. 7**  
**PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL**  
 (Dress Code)  
 M \$ 20 C \$ 40  
 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**Dec. 9**  
**ICHON POTTERY SHOPPING TOUR**  
 Yongin Traditional Furniture Outlet  
 M \$17 C \$20  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Dec. 10**  
**SHOW AND DINNER**  
 Korean Traditional Stage at Chongdong Theat  
 M \$40 C \$45

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Dec. 11**  
**PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL**  
 (Dress Code)  
 M \$ 20 C \$ 40  
 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
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 Han River Cruise & Seoul Tower  
 (Dinner included)  
 M \$40 C \$45 / 3:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m

**Dec. 12**  
**LOTTE WORLD AMUSEMENT PARK**  
 M \$36 C \$39  
 Child \$30 (3yr - 12yr)  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Dec. 14**  
**PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL**  
 (Dress Code)  
 M \$ 20 C \$ 40  
 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**Dec. 16**  
**CULTURAL TOUR**  
 Kyungbok Palace  
 Changduk Palace (Secret Garden)  
 M \$19 C \$22  
 8:40 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Dec. 17**  
**KANGWHA ISLAND**  
 Chundeung Temple  
 Ginseng and Bamboo Market  
 M \$ 20 C \$ 24  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Dec. 18**  
**PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL**  
 (Dress Code)  
 M \$ 20 C \$ 40.  
**SKI TOUR**  
 Price includes round trip bus & ski rental

M \$62 C \$67.50 Child \$49.50 (12 yr or under)  
 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Dec. 19**  
**SHILLUK TEMPLE**  
 Mokah Buddhist Museum  
 M \$23 C \$27  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Dec. 21**  
**PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL**  
 (Dress Code)  
 M \$ 20 C \$ 40.

**Dec. 23**  
**YOUSUNG HOT SPRING OVERNIGHT TOUR**  
 Dec. 23rd through Dec. 24th  
 Please pick up a flyer for detailed information.

**Dec. 24-25**  
 USO Closed

**Dec. 26**  
**SEOUL LAND & ZOO**  
 M \$22 C \$25  
 Junior \$20  
 Child \$18 (3yr-12yr)  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Dec. 28**  
**PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL**  
 (Dress Code)  
 M \$ 20 C \$ 40.

**Dec. 29**  
**INSADONG NIGHT TOUR**  
 (Dinner Included)  
 M \$25 C \$28  
 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Dec. 31**  
 USO Closed

M = Military C = Civilian



# Final Frame



Lt. Col. Paul E. Snyder (left), commander of the United Nations Command Security Battalion/Joint Security Area, and Republic of Korean Army Lt. Col. Shim, Dong-hyun (center), deputy commander of UNC/JSA, pay tribute to the shrine of Cpl. Jang, Myong Ki at Freedom Village within the UNC JSA. Photo by Cpl. Kim, Taek-hyun.